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New U.S. Patent Application

Title: **POLISHING PAD AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES**

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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application - 42 pages, including 2 independent claims and 20 claims total.
2. Drawings - 3 sheets of formal drawings containing 8 figures.

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3. Certified copy of Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-029560, filed on February 6, 2003.
4. Information Disclosure Statement and Information Disclosure Citation, PTO 1449 with documents attached.
5. The filing fee is calculated as follows:

Basic Application Filing Fee					\$770	\$ \$770.00
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This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f). Applicants await notification from the Patent and Trademark Office of the time set for filing the Declaration.

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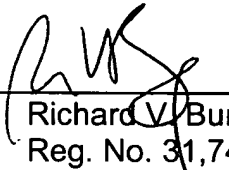
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or §1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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